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German Democratic Republic

SAG MARTEN EMPLOYEES DISCUSS PLANS

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This document consists of photostats of the minutes of a meeting of top personnel of the SAG (Soviet Corporation) Marten, in Hettstedt. The top one third of each photostat is more or less illegible.

The following matters were among those discussed:

(a) The advantage of setting up an installation for the recovery of the nickel lost (2 percent) in pickling will be studied by the laboratory. In view of the shortage of nickel supplies, Berlin will be asked whether contracts shall be proportionately reduced or whether further deliveries of nickel will be made.

(b) No Thomas-material [low grade steel] may be used in reparation orders.

(c) Some arrangement must be worked out to transport molten aluminum from the heavy metal foundry to the light metal foundry.

(d) The price for scrap from the wide reversing mill is 19.50 Deutsche marks per ton; if the scrap were delivered in smaller pieces the price would be 33. Deutsche marks per ton. Since 1,300 tons of scrap a month is sold, 200,000. Deutsche marks a year could be gained by making the pieces smaller.

(e) It is suggested that full night shifts be instituted to conserve electric power.

(f) Starting in January, instead of intra plant competition there will be trade group competition. Ultimately, by this method, it will be the goal to find the best fitter, the best wire-drawer, etc. in the GDR. The management is urged to support this kind of competition to assure its success.

(g) A plant committee has been set up to carry out the organizational and ideological work of acquainting the workers with the meaning and purpose of the national [East German] program for the reconstruction of Berlin.

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